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1. The villages of Lazac, Porodin, Zabljani, Kanina and Baresane in the Bitolj district of Macedonia, have a Community People's Council with headquarters in Porodin. In early 1950 the Community Council was in Lazac; however, the peasants in this village destroyed all the records of the Community Council and the collective. The Council's headquarters were consequently transferred to Porodin. The following individuals were members of the Community People's Council:
 - a. Trajan Dimovski, Chairman, from Kanina.
 - b. Stese Gecovski, Secretary.
 - c. Ilija Nikolovski and Vasil Gregovski, representatives from Lazac.
2. The Political Commissar of the Community Committee of the Communist Party in Porodin was a certain Kole Gocovski. The Political Commissar in Lazac was a certain Kosta Zdravevski. There were approximately 20 Communists in the village of Lazac.
3. The religion of the majority of the people in this group of villages is Orthodox; however, there are about 40 Shipetar families (Albanian Moslems) in Lazac.
4. In the village of Lazac, there is a four-year elementary school. [REDACTED] the principal of this school was a certain Kiril Atanasov, a Bulgarian from the Petrich district. There was an Albanian teacher from Kosmet for the Albanian children.
5. In 1948 a few inhabitants of Lazac formed a collective, but in February 1949 all the peasants were forced to join it. The following individuals were employed by the collective in Lazac:
 - a. Chairman: Blaza Dandusevski
 - b. Cashier: Dusan Alusevski

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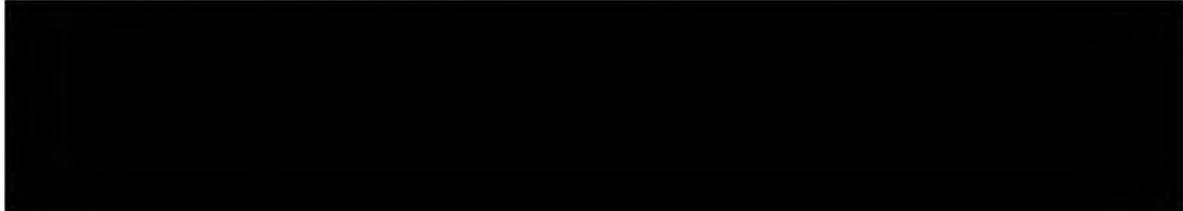
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- c. Employees: Cane Minovski and Cane Barazlievski.
6. In 1949 work was begun on a building which was to contain the offices and supply room of the collective. This building was not yet completed in July 1951. The stables of the collective were completed in 1950. In 1950, the collective had approximately 3000 sheep and 260 head of cattle; however, by July 1951, the stock of the collective had been depleted to approximately 800 sheep and 100 head of cattle. In 1950 each working member of the collective received 46.3 dinars per working day. Each working member of the collective also received 170 kilograms of corn which was to last for the next 12 months. This amount was inadequate, and informant is of the opinion that the people would not have been able to survive if they had not received a shipment of corn from the United States in March 1951.²
7. A militia unit of 15 men was stationed in the village of Velusina. Several hundred meters south of the village of Leizac, close to the Yugoslav-Greek border, was a blockhouse to which approximately 15 to 20 border guards were assigned.

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